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GRAND JURY RETURNS NINE INDICTMENTS

(Tyler, TX) A federal grand jury returned 9 indictments this week for federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

RODERICK DEANDRA SPARKS, 34, of Tyler, Texas, has been indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm and assaulting, resisting or impeding a federal officer. Sparks resisted arrest by fighting and struggling with the law enforcement officers, when the Tyler Police Department and United States Marshal Service attempted to arrest him on revocation of a supervised release warrant. Upon arrest, Sparks was found to be in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Sparks had been previously convicted of federal drug charges as part of the Joe Thomas Tucker organization.

If convicted, Sparks faces up to ten years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000 on the possession count and up to eight years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000 on the assault count. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Wes Rivers.

SALWILLEL THOMAS FIELDS, 36, of Texarkana, Texas, has been indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession with intent

to distribute crack cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

If convicted, Fields faces up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000 on the count of felon in possession; ten years to life imprisonment and a fine up to \$4,000,000 on the possession of crack cocaine charge; five to 40 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$2,000,000 on the possession of cocaine charge and not less than 30 years consecutive to the possession counts.

According to information presented in court, Fields was arrested in Bowie County by law enforcement officers who were serving a warrant for his arrest issued by the State of Tennessee. During the arrest, the officers seized more than 150 grams of crack cocaine, more than 200 grams of cocaine, and a Street Sweeper 12 gauge shotgun. The gun is classified as a destructive device and subjects Fields to a mandatory minimum 30 years imprisonment. Fields has at least five prior felony convictions for either drug crimes or violent offenses.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bowie County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant is prosecuting the case.

BILLY BRIAN PENNY, 31, of Texarkana, Texas, has been indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm. On December 7, 2005, Bowie County Sheriff's Department deputies were serving an arrest warrant on another person, when Penny was discovered hiding in a locked room at the residence. The officer observed several firearms in the residence and seized them. Penny was subsequently arrested and admitted the firearms were his. A criminal history check revealed that Penny had a prior felony

conviction for deadly conduct in the District Court of Bowie County, Texas.

If convicted, Penny could face up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bowie County Sheriff's Department are investigating the case. Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant is prosecuting the case.

KENNETH ROSE, 48, of Texarkana, Texas, has been indicted for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. According to information presented in court, on December 21, 2005, Rose was arrested by law enforcement officers at the Red River Army Depot. A search of his person revealed eight individually packaged, single use amounts, of methamphetamine. Other employees of the Red River Army Depot admitted purchasing methamphetamine from Rose over the previous months.

If convicted, Rose faces up to 20 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$1,000,000.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant.

RUBEN GARCIA, 27, of Texarkana, Texas, has been indicted on charges of escape from custody and introduction of contraband into a prison. Garcia is serving an 84 month sentence in the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) for conspiracy to distribute heroin. On May 13, 2006, he left the premises of the Federal Prison Camp in Texarkana, Texas without permission and obtained prohibited items, including food, electronics and tobacco. He brought the contraband back into the prison and was apprehended by BOP guards.

If convicted, Garcia faces up to five years imprisonment and a fine up

to \$250,000 on the escape charge and imprisonment up to six months and not more than \$5,000 fine on the contraband charge. This case is being investigated by the United States Marshal Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant.

JASMEON DECOLE O'QUINN, 24, of Longview, Texas, has been indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to information presented in court, on May 11, 2006, O'Quinn was arrested by the Longview Police Department for unlawfully carrying a weapon, when a law enforcement officer discovered 2 loaded firearms in O'Quinn's possession. On October 23, 2001, O'Quinn had been previously convicted of theft of property, a felony offense.

If convicted, O'Quinn faces up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000.

The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst.

MANUEL SERVANDO FLORIAN-VELASQUES, 28, living in Longview, Texas, has been indicted for unlawful alien in possession of both a firearm and ammunition. According to information presented in court, on March 20, 2006, Florian was arrested by the Gregg County Organized Drug Enforcement (CODE) Unit on drug and gun charges. An investigation by law enforcement officers from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, revealed that Florian possessed a shotgun, three handguns, and 61 rounds of ammunition. He is an illegal alien from Guatemala.

If convicted, Florian-Velasques faces up to 10 years imprisonment and

a fine up to \$250,000.

The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst.

JOSE SOLIS-ZIQUEIROS, 27, of Mexico, has been indicted for being a criminal alien unlawfully present in the United States after deportation. According to information presented in court, the defendant reentered the U.S. after being deported to Mexico in February of 2006. In July of 2006, he was arrested by state authorities and placed in the Harrison County Jail on domestic violence charges.

If convicted, Solis-Ziqueiros faces up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst.

DARAYMOSS LISTER, 23, of Center, Texas, has been indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The Center Police Department responded to a disturbance call at a home where Lister was staying. When officers arrived, they encountered Lister who was in possession of a firearm. Lister has a prior felony conviction for delivery of a controlled substance.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Center Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Flournoy is prosecuting the case.

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